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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007 Supplemental Appropriations Bill

On May 1, 2007, as expected, the President vetoed H.R. 1591, the FFY 2007 Supplemental Appropriations bill, citing his opposition to its language calling for the withdrawal of troops from Iraq and the "billions of dollars in non-emergency spending that has nothing to do with fighting the war on terror." Of major interest to the County, the vetoed bill included a provision to impose a one-year moratorium on the proposed rule which would limit Medicaid payments to government providers, including public hospitals, to the cost of providing medical care to Medicaid recipients. If implemented, the proposed rule would result in an estimated annual Medicaid revenue loss of \$200 million to the County.

The House leadership has scheduled a veto override vote on May 2, 2007, which is certain to fail. House and Senate leaders have not yet announced a timetable for work on another supplemental appropriations bill.

Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Reauthorization

On April 19, 2007, the House passed the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (H.R. 1495), a bill which reauthorizes funding for the Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") to conduct water resource studies and carry out specified projects and programs, such as navigation improvement, flood control, watershed management, shoreline protection, and environmental restorations.

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The House included an authorization for the Corps to conduct studies of improvements to the Ballona Lagoon Tide Gates and the Dockweiler Bluffs that were requested by the County's Department of Beaches and Harbors. These projects were included in the House-passed WRDA reauthorization bill (H.R. 2864) from the previous 109th Session that was not enacted. The Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works approved a draft WRDA reauthorization bill on March 29, 2007, but did not report the bill (S. 1248) until April 30, 2007. Neither the Senate bill language nor the committee report is available in print.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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